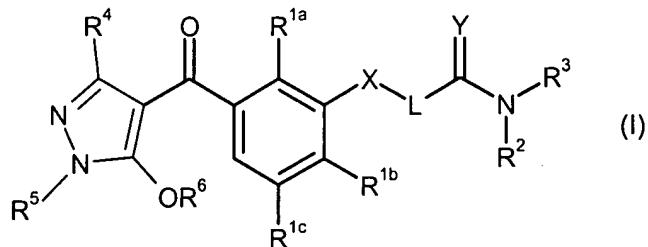


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A compound of the formula (I) or salt thereof



in which the radical and the indices have the following definitions:

X is O, ~~S(O)_n, N-H or N-R²~~;

L is ~~CH a straight chain or branched (C₄-C₆) alkylene, (C₂-C₆) alkenylene or (C₂-C₆) alkynylene chain substituted by w radicals from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, and nitro and by v radicals R²~~;

Y is oxygen or sulfur;

R^{1a}, R^{1b}, R^{1c} independently are each hydrogen, mercapto, nitro, halogen, cyano, thiocyanato,

(C₁-C₆)-alkyl-CO-O, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl-S(O)_n-O, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl-S(O)_m, (C₁-C₆)-haloalkyl-S(O)_m, (C₃-C₇)-cycloalkyl-S(O)_m, di-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl-N-SO₂, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl-SO₂-NH, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl-NH-CO, di-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl-N-CO, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl-SO₂-[(C₁-C₆)-alkyl]amino, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl-CO-[(C₁-C₆)-alkyl]amino, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl-O-CH₂, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl-S(O)_n-CH₂, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl-NH-CH₂, ~~1,2,4-triazol-1-yl, 1,2,4-triazol-1-yl-CH₂~~

or are each (C₁-C₆)-alkyl-(Y)_p, (C₂-C₆)-alkenyl-(Y)_p, (C₂-C₆)-alkynyl-(Y)_p,

(C_3-C_9) -cycloalkyl-(Y)_p, (C_3-C_9) -cycloalkenyl-(Y)_p, (C_1-C_6) -alkyl- (C_3-C_9) -cycloalkyl-(Y)_p or (C_1-C_6) -alkyl- (C_3-C_9) -cycloalkenyl-(Y)_p each of which is substituted by v radicals from the group consisting of cyano, nitro and halogen;

R^2, R^3 independently are each hydrogen, (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, (C_2-C_6) -alkenyl, (C_2-C_6) -alkynyl, (C_3-C_9) -cycloalkyl, (C_3-C_9) -cycloalkenyl, (C_4-C_6) -alkyl- (C_3-C_9) -cycloalkyl, (C_4-C_6) -alkyl- (C_3-C_9) -cycloalkenyl, (C_2-C_6) -alkenyl- (C_3-C_9) -cycloalkyl, (C_2-C_6) -alkenyl- (C_3-C_9) -cycloalkenyl, (C_2-C_6) -alkynyl- (C_3-C_9) -cycloalkyl, (C_2-C_6) -alkynyl- (C_3-C_9) -cycloalkenyl, straight chain or branched $[O-C(R^6)_2]_w$ - $[O-C(R^6)_2]_x$ - R^6 , (C_1-C_6) -alkyl-aryl, (C_2-C_6) -alkenyl-aryl, (C_2-C_6) -alkynyl-aryl, straight chain or branched $[O-C(R^6)_2]_w$ - $[O-C(R^6)_2]_x$ -aryl, the last 16 of the abovementioned radicals being substituted by v radicals from the group consisting of cyano, nitro and halogen;

or are each aryl, heterocyclyl or heteroaryl each substituted by v radicals consisting of the group of cyano, nitro, halogen, (C_1-C_6) -alkyl-(Y)_p and halo- (C_1-C_6) -alkyl-(Y)_p;

or

R^2 and R^3 together with the nitrogen atom linking them form a pyrrole ring 5 or 6 membered saturated, partly unsaturated or fully unsaturated ring which contains n heteroatoms from the group consisting of oxygen and nitrogen and is substituted by v radicals from the group consisting of cyano, nitro, halogen, (C_1-C_6) -alkyl-(Y)_p and halo- (C_1-C_6) -alkyl-(Y)_p;

or

R^2 and R^3 together with the nitrogen atom linking them form a ring from the group consisting of benzothiazole, benzoxazole, benzopyrazole and benzopyrrole which is substituted by v radicals from the group consisting of cyano, nitro, halogen, (C_1-C_6) -alkyl-(Y)_p and halo- (C_1-C_6) -alkyl-(Y)_p;

R^4 is hydrogen, (C_1-C_6) -alkyl or (C_1-C_6) -haloalkyl, (C_3-C_9) -cycloalkyl or (C_3-C_9) -halocycloalkyl;

R^5 is (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, halo- (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, (C_3-C_9) -cycloalkyl, (C_3-C_9) -halo-cycloalkyl, or is phenyl substituted by v radicals from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, halo- (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, (C_1-C_4) -alkoxy and halo- (C_1-C_4) -alkoxy;

R^6 is hydrogen, (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, halo- (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, (C_1-C_6) -alkylcarbonyl, halo- (C_1-C_6) -alkylcarbonyl, (C_1-C_6) -alkoxycarbonyl, halo- (C_1-C_6) -alkoxycarbonyl, (C_1-C_6) -alkylaminocarbonyl, halo- (C_1-C_6) -alkylaminocarbonyl, (C_1-C_6) -dialkylaminocarbonyl, halo- (C_1-C_6) -dialkylaminocarbonyl, (C_1-C_6) -alkylsulfonyl, halo- (C_1-C_6) -alkylsulfonyl, or is benzyl, benzoyl, benzoylmethyl, phenoxy carbonyl or phenylsulfonyl each of which is substituted by v radicals from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, halo- (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, (C_1-C_4) -alkoxy and halo- (C_1-C_4) -alkoxy;

m is 1 or 2;

n is 0, 1 or 2;

p is 0 or 1;

v is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

w and x independently are each 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

w and x should not both be zero at the same time.

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (Currently amended): A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~Y is oxygen~~ and R^{1c} is hydrogen.

Claim 4 (Currently amended): A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein

~~X is O or $S(O)_{n-1}$~~

R^{1a} , R^{1b} independently are each F, Cl, Br, CH_3 , CH_3S , CH_3O , CH_3SO_2 , $C_2H_5SO_2$,

$CF_3CH_2SO_2$, cyclopropyl-SO₂, CF_3 or NO_2 ;

~~R^2 , R^3 independently are each hydrogen, (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, (C_2-C_6) -alkenyl, (C_2-C_6) -alkynyl, (C_3-C_9) -cycloalkyl, (C_4-C_6) -alkyl-(C_3-C_9)-cycloalkyl, the last 5 radicals being substituted~~

by v radicals from the group consisting of cyano, nitro, and halogen, or are aryl or (C₁-C₆)-alkyl-aryl, the last 2 radicals being substituted by v radicals from the group consisting of cyano, nitro, halogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl-(Y)_p and halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl-(Y)_p, or R² and R³ together with the nitrogen atom linking them form a 5- or 6-membered saturated, partly unsaturated or fully unsaturated ring which contains n heteroatoms from the group consisting of oxygen and nitrogen and is substituted by v radicals from the group consisting of cyano, nitro, halogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl-(Y)_p and halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl-(Y)_p.

or

R² and R³ together with the nitrogen atom linking them form a ring from the group consisting of benzothiazole, benzoxazole, benzopyrazole and benzopyrrole which is substituted by v radicals from the group consisting of cyano, nitro, halogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl-(Y)_p and halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl-(Y)_p.

Claim 5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Currently amended): A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein

R², R³ independently are each hydrogen or (C₁-C₆)-alkyl,

or

R² and R³ together with the nitrogen atom linking them form a ring from the group consisting of morpholine, pyrrolidine, piperidine, pyrrole, pyrazole and 2,3-dihydroindole; R⁴ is hydrogen, methyl or cyclopropyl.

Claim 7 (original): A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein

R⁶ is hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkylcarbonyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfonyl, or is benzoyl or phenylsulfonyl each of which is substituted by v radicals from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy and halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy.

Claim 8 (Currently amended): A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein

~~L~~ is CH_2 , $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)\text{H}$ or CH_2CH_2 ;

R^{1a} , R^{1b} independently are each Cl, Br, NO_2 , CH_3 , CH_3SO_2 or $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{SO}_2$; and

R^2 , R^3 are each hydrogen or $(\text{C}_4\text{--C}_6)$ alkyl;

R^5 is methyl or ethyl.

Claim 9 (original): A herbicidal composition comprising a herbicidally effective amount of at least one compound of the general formula (I) as claimed in claim 1.

Claim 10 (original): A herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 9 in a mixture with formulating auxiliaries.

Claim 11 (Previously presented): A method of controlling unwanted plants, which comprises applying an effective amount of at least one compound of the general formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 to the plants or to the site of the unwanted plant growth.

Claim 12 (canceled).

Claim 13 (Previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the unwanted plants are in crops of useful plants.

Claim 14 (Currently amended): The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the useful plants are transgenic.

Claim 15 (Previously presented): A method of controlling unwanted plants, which comprises applying the herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 9 to the plants or to the site of the unwanted plant growth.

Claim 16 (Previously presented): A method of controlling unwanted plants, which comprises applying the herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 10 to the plants or to the site of the unwanted plant growth.